

The Shakeright

"We Only Write When We're Right,
Therefore We Are Always Right"

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and Black and Gold

Harvard Refuses Acceptance to 17

I.B.M. Machine Breaks at News Of School's Unprecedented Action

When Harvard issued an ultimatum to refuse 17 late yesterday, the Cambridge I.B.M. machine which ordinarily issues all acceptances and refusals broke down in a coil of oily tears; it could not enact the dastardly deed. Boston sources suggested a U.S. note as a major influence on this decision.

In a five page explanatory letter, Harvard noted six reasons for the refusal:

1. FRIVOLITY
2. CLOTHING TASTES
3. LACK OF CLARITY IN EXPRESSION
4. IMMATURITY
5. COMMERCIAL ATTITUDE
6. INADEQUATE READING LISTS

"A personal interview with 17," the university stated, "has revealed six tragic flaws in the applicant's character. The first of these is the frivolous nature used as an approach to each problem. Two stock answers pervaded each discussion of preference: 'I like it' and 'I don't like it!'"

"Furthermore, we noted an unusual taste in clothing. The closest resemblance to traditional men's wear came in white shirts, bermuda shorts, and blue jeans, and two of those items are not traditional! Some of the clothing displayed was positively effeminate."

"When we reviewed the written application, we noted certain irregularities in the style. These irregularities include unusual titles added to sections, appeal to the

reader to perform idiotic feats, and a fanciful tendency to think of the reader as feminine. This gave the impression of immaturity."

"A fifth detracting factor was the high number of allusions to brand names, the association of everything that is good and true with commercial products."

"But the most disheartening feature of the Seventeen application was the reading list. It was of far lower quality and number than that of **Mademoiselle**. Therefore, Harvard has accepted the more mature **Mademoiselle** as the official publisher of all Harvard tirades against other Eastern schools."

Chessman Only Pawn of Fate

Say Enraged Chess Players

The case of Caryl Chessman, recently popular in the public prints, has caused considerable speculation in Shaker's Chess Club about his guilt. The feeling that Chessman was a pawn for the kings of the underworld has often been expressed by club members who treat him as a martyred hero, deserving

Chess members are sure that if Chessman had been forewarned of the sequence of moves that were to follow, if the king's mate, the queen, could have reached him sooner, he would not have been forked in the death row. As it is he gambled and lost.

Chess Club feels that the whole Chessman affair has had an inexcusable, detrimental effect on the popularity of the Game of Kings. "People will now always associate chess with Chessman! Chess is doomed to extinction unless this scandal is checked!" frantically exclaimed Bill Rose, president of the club. Bill cited as evidence of this, the lack of female members in Chess Club. He explained, "Obviously members of the fairer sex don't join because they are now afraid of the name chess and refuse to participate in it."

Moreover, the Chess Club believes that Caryl was treated unfairly. "Chessman was rooked!" the members cried. They believe that the uncultured California juries were prejudiced by his distinctive surname. With the money made from their forthcoming sale of "I Like Chess" buttons, they plan to make a trip to San Quentin and make a protest march around the prison. With the profits from the button sale, the members also plan to purchase letter sweaters for the chess team. Further plans concerning Chessman have not yet been disclosed. "We are not sure what our next move will be," stated the captain.

Shades of Boredom Test Displays Student's Apathy and Sleepiness

"In Jealousy, by Robbe-Grillet, the Grandiose Elf is the servant of the Wicked Witch of the North—True or False?" Thus begins the toughest and longest of the tests taken by this year's seniors: the Apathetic Awakener and Test of Somatic Aptitude, commonly known as the Shades of Boredom Test.

Unlike SAT's, NMSQT's and ACT's, the A.A.T.S.A. covers the student's knowledge in only two subjects, English and volleyball. Although the test is designed to probe into the innermost self of the student, he himself is not encouraged to do so; and for this reason the examiner removes any sharp objects from the testing room. The student taking the test is given a blunt bamboo pencil to use on the rice-paper answer sheet.

The length of the test is great but the discomfort of the student is increased by artificial means to reveal his capability to react well under stress. Tiny, irritating electrodes, smaller than a Family Pizza (serves four elves) are placed securely on the tongue, behind the left ear, and elsewhere. The electrodes not only irritate the student, but also transmit his heartbeat and respiration to a lie-detector.

In an effort to determine the senior's ability to think in places where there is much distraction, e.g., a co-ed school, the student is



The Mysterious Mad Scientist discusses plans to alter classes with three young moderns. His blueprint for Russo-American education is fully described in his best selling book, "Blueprint for Russo-American Education," which has two sections entirely devoted to comments from a Navy Seaman Second-Class. See story on Page 5.

Shakeright Consolidates With B & G

Establishing a new precedent in the Heights-Shaker area, the *Shakeright* and *Heights Black and Gold* have merged to form the first two-school newspaper in the area. Details of the combination are now being worked out to the satisfaction of both parties.

The benefits which can be derived from this combination are innumerable. Already discussed are plans to hold an annual art contest to find which school can do the most original painting of the other before the Shaker-Heights football game. The winner is to forfeit the game.

Another project would be a student exchange program to ease the present congested conditions in Shaker by sending fourth-quarter students to Heights. While the per cent of decrease of Shaker's population would be immense, Heights' increase would be negligible.

The financial picture of the two journals will be substantially improved, permitting the *Shakeright* to abandon the tax stamp drive.

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Spring Floods Inundate Classes of Lower Level

"Water, water everywhere" in the basement of Shaker High School has made it necessary for the guidance counselors to alter their Group Conference programs. All of the basement classrooms except Group Conference Rooms 18 and 18A have been vacated since March 31, 1960, when the water pipe lines on the basement ceiling burst and the flood level reached three feet before the damage could be repaired.

Starting today, the counselors will supervise and provide equipment for their classes who will bail out the accumulated water. The advisers have also posted a list of rules that must be followed during these sessions. Violators will be dealt with according to the seriousness of their crimes.

1. no splashing, ducking, or water fights
2. no bubble-blowing contests or other such sports
3. no spraying of drinking fountain water to raise the flood level

This is an April Fools' Day issue. Any resemblance to persons, places or things real or unreal, living or dead, is purely fictitious. No names have been changed to protect the innocent, for assuming the validity of the previous statement, there are no innocent.

4. no Kuder Test pins under water

5. no holding hands under water

Concerning dress for these classes, the counselors ask that the students use their discrimination in their choice of attire. Both boys' and girls' advisers suggest waterproof or sanforized clothing.

All students with athlete's foot are asked to bring notes from their doctors excusing them from class.

Regular Group Conference curriculum will resume as soon as the classes finish bailing out the water.

On Putting Gum in the Works

Typing teachers are outraged, and rightly so! What kind of vandals have infiltrated our hallowed halls? Are you among that wild throng that has been placing chewing gum under the keys of school owned typewriters? Well if you are, beware! You are gumming up the works and the administration will not stand for this.

Have you any conception of the cost involved in removing a chewed chicklet from "asdgijkl;" row on a typewriter? Please, pepin-packing people, summer is coming, and with the advent of hot weather, gum melts more rapidly. If you must, start chewing tobacco, but please don't spit on the blackboards.

Demand Your Rights

Proposition: Is the right to assemble being abridged at Shaker High?

Shortened assemblies that obviously violate the equal time provisions in the N.B.C., A.B.C., C.B.S. contracts... contracts which Shaker has not signed... are not conducive to promoting the ideals of the democratic system in second assemblies. But second assemblies are not democratic.

Prohibition of groups of less than three but more than one, particularly when those groups have formed a handholding alliance, is a second obvious violation of the aforementioned right.

Perhaps the most arbitrary violation is the dispersion of members of the picket line formed in front of the library before and after classes each day. The pickets ask friends to join them in front of the library, mainly because they know of no other place to meet, but more realistically, to congest the halls, and prevent passage through the main corridors. The dispersion of these standing strikers is a gross violation of their right to harass passing students, a right which they have never possessed.

In conclusion, the right to assemble is not being abridged.

Shaker Heights High School

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A Problem, Solved

Congested halls and stairs are perennial problems in the overstuffed corridors of this school. The solution, surprisingly simple, is to take measures identical to those used by traffic departments throughout the country:

- Post "No Parking" signs on the first and second floors.
- Post "Minimum Speed: 10 Steps Per Sentence"
- Create turn lanes by stairways and route traffic in a cloverleaf fashion.
- Prohibit students carrying more than four books from traveling in the halls.
- Give Boosters whistles and allow them to control traffic at intersections.
- Issue walking licenses to students and record traffic violations on back of licenses.
- Sentence violators to 30-, 60-, 90-minute detentions.
- Force habitual violators to leave class five minutes early to ease congestion in the halls, especially before lunch.

A Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITORS,

I noticed that in its issue of March 23, 1960, the Shakeright at last took a bold look at the assembly problem here at Shaker. I totally agree that the administration is in a tough spot and is doing the best it can at the present time; however, I would like to suggest a few other ways in which this situation can be alleviated.

In cases in which a speaker cannot spare the time for two assemblies, and only one assembly can be held, it would be possible to fit the entire student body in the Large Auditorium at one time if the boys were allowed to sit on the girls' laps. The girls can't sit on the boys' laps because there are more girls than boys at Shaker, and besides, that would be as bad as hand-holding.

If it is absolutely necessary to exclude the sophomore homerooms from an assembly, it is only right, under the so-called equal time rule, that they be allowed to attend another assembly in place of the juniors or seniors. If the juniors and seniors do not like this idea, then the sophomores should be permitted to go to the auditorium at some specified time and just sit there for 45 minutes. Those who are so inclined may, at this time, go to sleep, as do many seniors during the regular assemblies.

In order that there be no conflict between the three classes over who should be allowed to go to the assemblies, it might not be a bad idea to allow no one to come, and have the speaker speak before empty seats. Using this system, the entire school could see feature-length movies over the PA from the comfort of their home room seats.

I do not agree that athletic award assemblies lose any spirit the second time around. What greater thrill is there than receiving your key or letter twice in one day? And I do not really believe that the coaches resent having to tell the same jokes twice—after all it gives those who speak before Messrs. Heinen and Pickering in the first assembly a chance to ruin their jokes in the second, and mainly, the coaches always think their jokes are funny.

Sincerely,
Stanley Earl Ornstein

The Shakeright Today's Sports

Sophomores Find That Varsity Is Filled With Excitement, Danger, and Variety

Shaker vs. Heights Chess Match	
1 First board	0
1 Second board	0
1 Third board	0
1 Fourth board	0
1 Fifth board	0

Shaker's gym teachers, particularly one named Mr. Virile, have been transformed into physical fitness fiends. Engrossed in the body beautiful, they are now determined that everyone should have one.

Alas! The poor sophomore boys. Each day they enter gym class feeling amazingly physically fit, and each day they leave gym class in a state of utter exhaustion. One boy, Chester Peabody, is neither very bright nor athletically inclined. He is what is known in more scholarly circles as a "two time loser".

There is no real reason for enmity between Chester and Mr. Virile, but somehow they seem to dislike each other heartily. Mr. Virile apparently dislikes Chester because he does not meet the high standards of physical fitness. More exactly, Chester is a slob, and Chester dislikes Mr. Virile because the teacher so often abuses him with such adjectives as plump, pudgy, stupid, feeble, etc.

Last week came the climax of their private war. Chester made a snide comment about Mr. Virile's interest in the body beautiful, which at the moment was the girl's gym class on the other side of the athletic field. When the good teacher gently inquired as to who the wise guy was, Chester volunteered that he was the culprit that he was the culprit as he appeared. He had an ulterior motive Mr. Virile, unfortunately. The sophomores volunteered to run in the meet because they were unable to find the gas masks they would need in performing the other alterations. The meet itself proved to be the year's best—for the other team. The only thing the sophomores were able to show for the year.

Man Who Moves Kings Gains League Crown

Shaker certainly has a wide-spread reputation for its scholars and also for its chess team. Without any malicious intentions but rather with a somewhat distorted sense of humor, the sports department has written this satire on an activity that in reality is highly respected.

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Semianually the Shakerite selects the boy that has contributed the most to Shaker's athletic program. Congratulations this time are extended to Rook Neuton, captain of the undefeated chess team. Rook, the undisputed "king" of the team, broke into the scoring column recently, posting the greatest number of checkmates in the L.E.L.

Following this selection by the News Dream Team, the related Neuton made the request that Friday afternoon pep rallies be discontinued, as the noise created by these stimulated students tend to create an atmosphere which he deems "not wholly conducive to effective chess playing." As many matches take place and, in the light of this startling revelation, Neuton's suggestion ought not be dismissed lightly.

Upset over an earlier defeat, "our boy" thought that the team had been "rooked" and was prepared to "pawn" his chess set when the Holzhausermen retaliated and posted a victory over rival Heights High. Neuton scored a checkmate early in the first period and also helped to clean off the boards meet were casualties. One boy suffered a broken foot when a shot slipped from his hands. Another boy suffocated to death when he became buried in the sawdust of the high jump pit. A third death occurred when one runner died of a heart attack after he removed his warmup pants only to discover that he had forgotten his shorts. The fourth casualty of the day was a sophomore who was to run in the fifty-yard dash but tripped on the starting block, fell, and broke his nose.

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The Shakerite salutes Rook Neuton and his gang, but this matter of pep rallies ought to be referred to Russ Bishop of the Student Council.

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The Shakeright Feature Page

Dear Abbe:
Comedian Says
'Can Laughter'

Dear Abbe:

I am really an old hand in this teaching game, but it seems that I am all thumbs when it comes to inflicting class discipline. It's nothing I can put my fingers on exactly, but it seems to me that none of my students take me very seriously.

I seem, through the years, to have developed the reputation of a joker. Well, Abbe, I'll admit that my gaiety has made the class more interesting for my pupils, but I am sick and tired of having to smile all the time and my brain is just about shot from thinking up all those ridiculous jokes.

Please tell me what I can do to make these kids take me seriously.

Tired Comedian.

Dear Tired.
You have cooked your own goose. With the reputation that you have you couldn't sober up your audience if you censored your own joke and walked off the show. In other words, you have made your own monster, now live with it — it may be fun.

Dear Abbe:
Your copy is missing for page thirty-two. You promised it Monday — now what will we do?" "The typists must have it," I glibly lied. (With no doubt no direction I'd take when I died.)

And then from the top of the corridor stair
"Come the art editors tearing their hair.
The cover's not finished—our paints are all gone.
We cannot complete it if we work till dawn."

"You'll work three days straight before you cut this scene.
With tapes to record and copy to write
And pictures to take you'll work day and night."
The thought didn't shock us — we'd heard it before.

But nevertheless I ran out the door
And to Manners I said, "Thirteen coffees—no more."
With these fortifications the hours flew by.
Till the editors got a new spark in their eye.

Much to their surprise and also to mine
We found that we'd met our deadline on time.

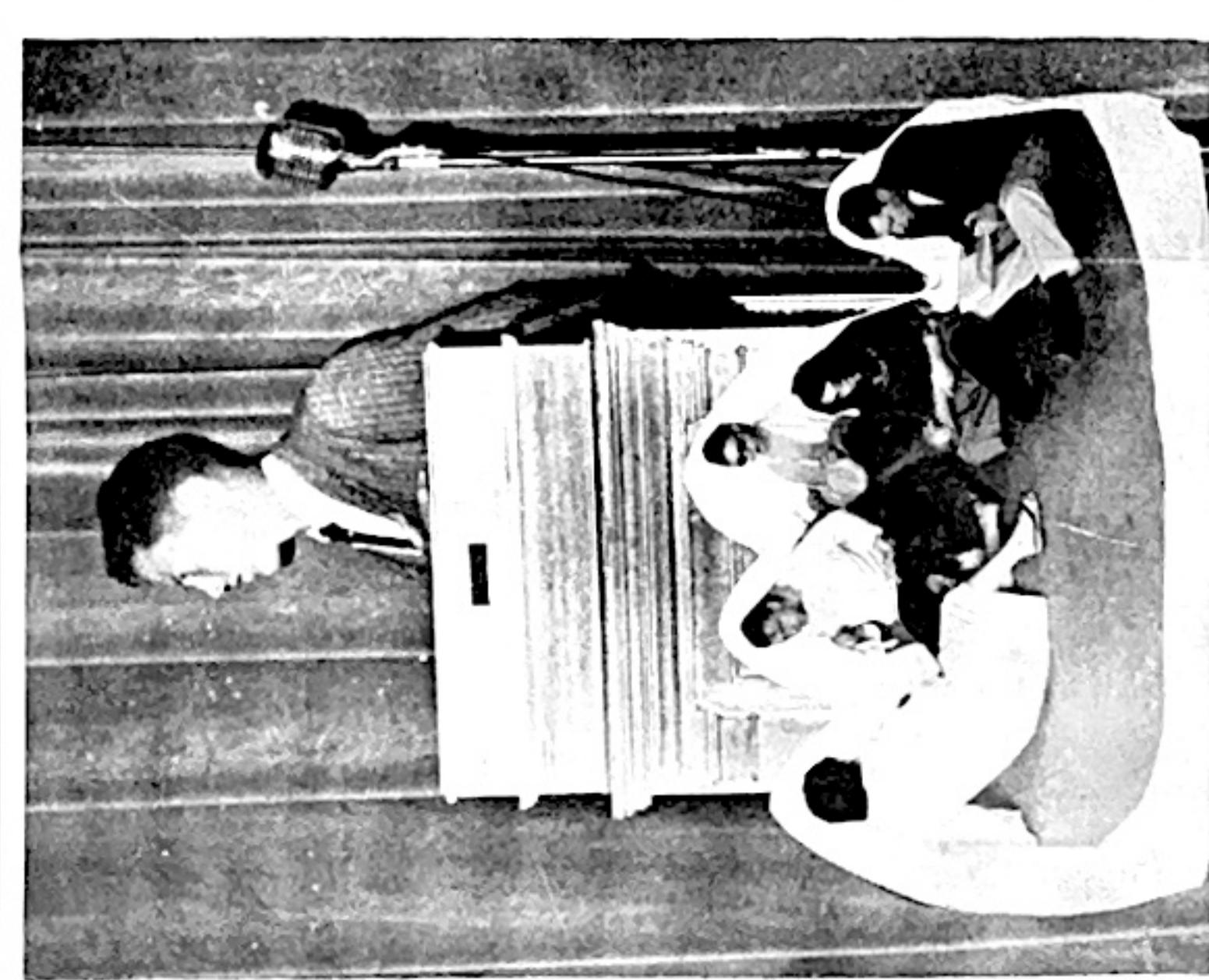
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If you are that desperate to have a face of your own (I see no reason why you should be, I would be proud to have my father resemble Abe Lincoln), the only thing for you, to my knowledge, would be the aid of a good plastic surgeon.

Dear Abbe:
The Shakeright — News of the World

Combo Course Disturbs



Since the demand for teachers is overwhelming, something must be done to get everyone taught everything. The only way in which this malady can be remedied is to have the teachers teach more than one subject.

The following is part of a suggested list (there's more where this came from) of what subjects should be taught all at once by one teacher: Mathematics and History, Physics and English, and Study Hall and French. The great boon this system provides will allow students to learn how to study quietly in French. Honor Study Hall would have to be in Latin, however. Students talk more in Honor Study Hall than they do in the regular study halls, and since they cannot speak Latin, the Honor Study Hallers would have to be quiet.

And then, of course, if students wanted to find out how old Christopher Columbus was when he came to America if he were born in 1492, they would take the mathist course. This course would also be used to find the probability of this and the other courses' ever becoming written down in history books. In the Physics and English course, students could learn all about the onomatopoeia in electricity. They could also see if there were any similes in heat and light waves.

True, there are a few bugs in this method, but they have been taken care of by the Spanish-Biology class. The only thing keeping this system less than perfect is the length of time of the classes. Since two classes are put in one, it seems only logical that the periods be cut into half of what they are now.

The Shakeright Entertainment

Suzy Steals Scene In Electoral Drama

Prologue:

The scene is Shaker Heights High School where an election is taking place. One of the candidates for secretary is Suzy. Suzy has a problem—she has to get votes. A few snatches of conversation will show how she solves her problem.

Senior Boy 1. I'm voting for that one.
Senior Boy 2. No, that one's cuter.
Senior Boy 1. Yeah, we need a cute secretary.

Faculty Member 1. She doesn't talk in class.
Faculty Member 2. And her I.Q. is high.
Faculty Member 1. She'll make an intelligent officer.

Sophomore Girl 1. She wore the prettiest outfit for the assembly.
Sophomore Girl 2. It was matched, I think. What's her name?

Sophomore Girl 1. Suzy—for secretary.
Physical Education Instructor 1. Suzy always has a clean gym suit.
Physical Education Instructor 2. She has enough showers, too.

Counselor 1. Which one has the least demerits?
Counselor 2. The one who's applying early—
Counselor 1. Give her the "X."

Epilogue:
Suzy got her vote, but she had to be cute, intelligent, well-dressed, clean, and demerit-free to do it.

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Movie Beat

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Everybody who is anybody was there. Standing beneath the glittering marquee of the luxurious and magnificent Small Auditorium Theater could be seen many of the great and near-great of Shaker-wood.

Seen among the enthusiastic and gaily-attired first-nighters were beautiful young starlet Rita Wachs and her debonair, graying escort, Richard Klyver, rising young dramatic actor Joseph Szwaja and his charming young colleague Marjorie Tangher were also spotted.

Margaret Jones was radiant in a sequinned white sheath, while her tuxedoed escort, Carmen Parasilly, wryly commented on the beat beards of fellow actors Martin Meshenberg and Burton S. Dow.

Man-about-town Erich Martenssen was seen without a date for the first time since the premiere in Kunkletown, Pa., of the widely acclaimed and ever-popular "This Is the Orchestra." Conspicuously missing were newcomer Marilyn Bachman and veteran Kenny Cramer. Famous leading man John Harcourt was unable to make it due to an unavoidable military commitment.

Once seated inside the sumptuous interior of the Small Auditorium Theater, the gay young stars applied themselves to watching the movie, eating apples and oranges, (Continued on Page 8)

The Shakeright**Kiddie Korner****The Children's Hour**

Hello, Kiddies! Today we are going to tell you about some nice, wholesome games to play so you will keep out of Mommy's way on those long weekends.

If you are at that tender age of being too young to derive moral principles from the Three Stooges and too mature to rip up Big Brother's English book, you should get together with your little friends and learn to play a game called poker. All you have to do is put cards with red and black marks together. And once you know how to read numbers there is unlimited opportunity!

Today's activity will be to color a picture of two men kneeling in a corner of a room playing with dice. The winner of the coloring contest gets a free trip for two to Las Vegas. Everyone who enters will receive a pamphlet entitled, "Be the First Kid in Your Neighborhood to Run a Floating Crap Game."

Well, that's all for now! Our next column will deal with "How to Hide the Telltale Odor of Cigar Smoke at a Pinochle Session." Meanwhile, be good boys and girls and remember, "The youth of today builds the nation of tomorrow."

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Movie Beat

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and catching up on their beauty sleep.

"Target for Tonight" is one of producer-director Rance Rancid's greatest film triumphs. In the leads are Shakerwood's outstanding tragedians, Kelly Danford and Dale Kittle. Although director Rancid accidentally forgot to include any female leads in this story of war and destruction, the love element is supplied by the men's undying devotion to their planes. The plot barely gets off the ground until the end of the picture, when things really start exploding.

The enchanted audience was so impressed, that since the premiere many of them have seen the movie ten or twelve more times. Even those who cut the show were heard to comment favorably on the movie, in hopes of getting a passing grade. In short, the movie is a bomb.

With more money, the *Shakeright* and *Black and Gold* could afford to purchase the Cleveland Pipers at twice the price now offered, two dollars. The purchase would perform a great service for the community by keeping the Pipers in Cleveland.

Shakerite Consolidates

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Subscriptions sold at both schools will enable each school to publish a paper in alternate years.

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The combined Student Activities department of the paper should be able to find enough news every two issues to write one article per semester. Under the present set-up, the clubs do not create enough news to make reporting their meetings profitable.

Unfortunately, complications have set in which may force the merger to be can-

celled. A big city daily, fearful that the combination may offer unfair competition, has filed a complaint with the F.T.C. stating that this merger would infringe on its monopoly.

The *Shakeright* offered 25¢ to the F.T.C. if it would dismiss the charge, but the F.T.C., disturbed by the exigency of the bribe, turned the matter over to the House Committee on Legislative Oversight which, in turn, started an investigation to determine the sanity of The F.T.C. in refusing a bribe. The investigation is costing the taxpayers more than the storage rate on a box car of wheat.

The *Shakeright*, realizing that it must do something to reduce this cost, has dropped all plans for merging with the B & G.

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Student Council Advocates Conformity

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fred P. Neumann, who suggested passive resistance followed by non-passive resistance as an excellent approach to non-conformity. Interesting opportunities are afforded by joining clubs and refusing to come to any meetings, bringing espresso coffee and doughnuts to eat in homeroom, taking a one-hour coffee break by cutting Third Period, and burning each copy of the *Shakeright* immediately after receiving it.

Mr. Neumann continued by enumerating several advantages of nonconformity. The club joiner finds his name mentioned several times in the Gristmill which he obviously has not purchased, non-conforming to the trend to purchase Gristmills. He has adequate time to eat lunch each day, having started at 10:45, one hour earlier than the rest of the slabs. By not reading the *Shakeright* he cannot be annoyed by suggestions to discontinue such abominable practices, and thus he achieves temporary bliss, ended only by graduating from high school without a diploma.

On the opposite side of the

fence, Melvin Kofnovsky mentioned the undeniable disadvantages of conformity. Such disadvantages of following the crowd to college only to be lost in a milieu of bobbing and weaving heads. The prospect is horrible of earning \$100,000 more than the average person when the epitome of success is to survive without earning anything. But the least desirable aspect of conformity is being considered one of the crowd, a person with friends, a person to know, to like, to admire, apartness is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

One questioner asked to sing the Alma Mater, but President Steve Wones blushed and muttered something about a sore throat. Ended by the traditional note: "Our time is up, you may now return to your third period class.

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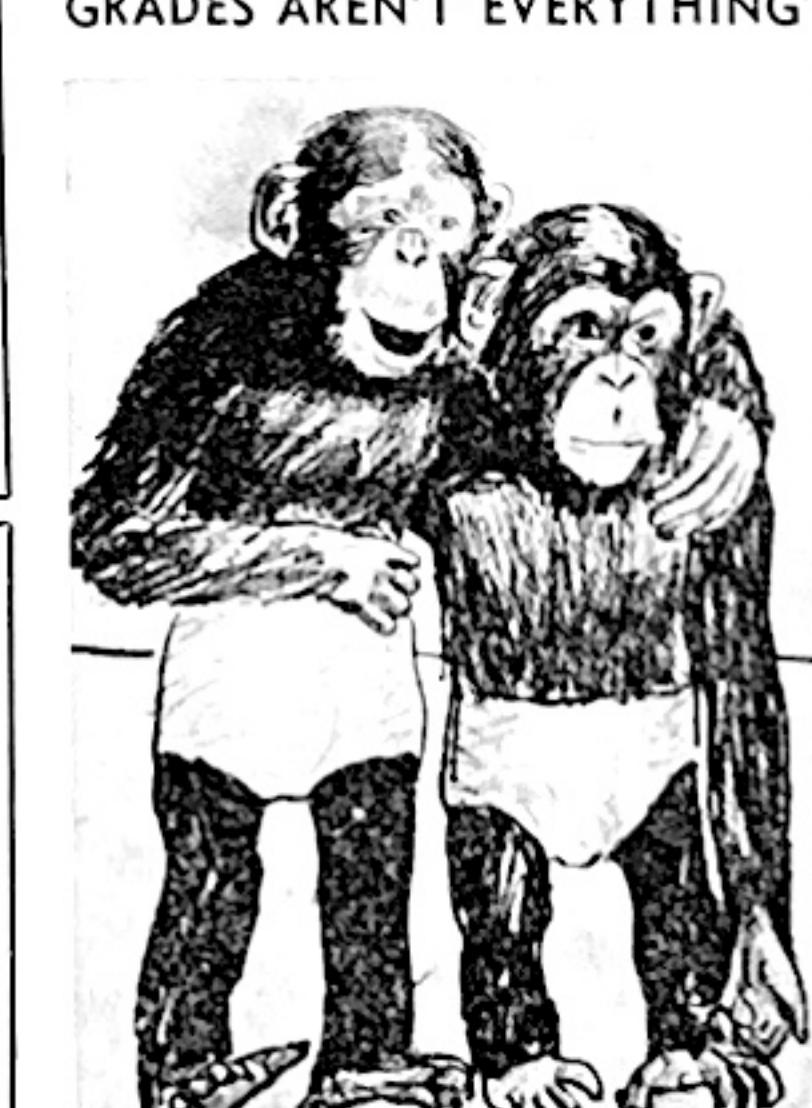
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